Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Gynecologic Cancer Foundation worked with the Department of Health and Human Services to have September declared Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month; and,

Whereas, Approximately 250 women will be diagnosed with a gynecological cancer such as cancers of the ovary, cervix, and endometrium in South Dakota this year alone; and,

Whereas, In 2002, 53 women died from ovarian cancer, 8 died from endometrial cancer and 10 died from cervical cancer with approximately 75 women killed by all gynecologic cancers in South Dakota each year; and,

Whereas, The good health and well-being of the women of South Dakota are enhanced as a direct result of efforts to spread awareness about gynecologic cancers; and,

Whereas, It is incumbent upon the citizens of South Dakota to work together as people and as a state to increase research into understanding the causes, into finding effective screening and prevention strategies, and into developing improved therapies for gynecologic cancers; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is pleased to join in recognizing and applauding the valuable role which families and advocates of gynecologic cancer victims play in helping our medical community to advance the fight against these diseases:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2005 as

GYNECOLOGIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State